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Dr. J. Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

It was gratifying to know that you would write a preface or introduction to Dr. Muller's selected writings. Naturally, this preface may be as broad as you wish it to be in evaluating Dr. Muller's influence on the entire field of genetics. Indeed, I know of no better spokesman to represent the rest of us for this evaluation of Muller's influence.

Additionally, those of us who are Dr. Muller's students have asked Dr. Pontecorvo to write a statement discussing more specifically the influence that Muller has had as a teacher in the development of our research interests as well as our critical judgments in genetics.

May I allow you to exercise your own judgment on the length of this prefatory statement since no special amount of space has been allotted for it. The date for submission is nebulous since the I.U. Foundation has not yet decided whether this should be printed or if the photo-offset process should be used. Dr. Sonneborn said it would be at least a couple of months before the copy is ready for the printers.

Since the mock-up presentation volume is going to be presented to Dr. Muller at the dinner, it is unlikely that your preface will arrive in time for inclusion. Nevertheless he will be informed of your intentions to write an introduction and I'm sure that he, as well as the rest of us, will be grateful for it.

May I ask your permission to have the rest of the invited guests listed as attestors to your own signed introduction? If so, may I also mimeograph your statement and distribute it to them?

Sincerely,

Elof Carlson

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